

REMARKS

This reply is a replacement for the previous reply faxed November 21, 2003. It is politely noted that the filing date of the previous reply to the Office action dated September 23, 2003 indicated by the Examiner on the first page of the Advisory action (Paper No. 20031213) dated January 2, 2004 is incorrect. It is respectfully noted that the previous reply to the Office action dated September 23, 2003 was submitted to USPTO on November 21, 2003 by way of facsimile.

To put the application in condition for allowance, claims 8-19 are cancelled and so are no longer in need of consideration. The applicant acknowledges that the previous reply amending claim 9 will not be entered. In the preceding section "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS", the applicant has listed claims 1-7 as they are understood to be allowed. The applicant thereby requests allowance of claims 1-7.

Sincerely,

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